

REMARKS

Claims 19-22 and 29-31 have been canceled herein. Claims 1-18 and 23-28 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Sections 1 and 2 of the office action rejected claims 20-22 and 29-31 under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,895,341 to Brown et al (“Brown”). Without going into the merits of these rejections, claims 20-22 and 29-31 have been canceled without prejudice to presentation in a continuing application in an effort to move the application to allowance.

The cancellation of claims 20-22 and 29-31 renders the rejections under 35 USC 102 moot.

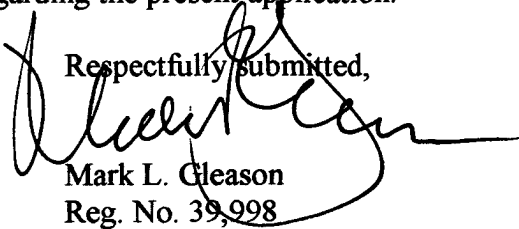
Allowed Claims

Section 3 of the office action noted that claims 1-19 and 23-28 were allowed. As claims 20-22 and 29-31 have been canceled, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

As evidenced by the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants have made a genuine effort to address each concern raised in the office action. The amendments presented herein place all of the pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit the amendment is thus proper for entry. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any concerns or questions regarding the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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